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APPLICATION LOS CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE A2364 OF MAR 21, 1974

(B) STATE A-1837 OF MAR 06, 1974

1. REFAIR (A) SOUGHT CO-SPONSORSHIP OF U.S. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ARTICLES FOR UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. IN DISCUSSION MAY 29 WITH GOG FONMINISTRY LAW OF SEA OFFICER (VANDERPUYE), EMBOFF MERELY TOLD THAT REQUEST FOR GHANA CO-SPONSORSHIP HAD BEEN REFERRED TO INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL LOS COMMITTEE, THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT FAVORABLE REPLY BEFORE DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR CARACAS UNLIKELY AND THAT IN ANY CASE GHANA WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH OAU PARTNERS ON THIS.

2. REFAIR (B) SOUGHT GHANAIAAN AGREEMENT TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF SECTIONS OF THE LOS CONVENTION UPON CONCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION BUT PRIOR TO RATIFICATION BY ALL PARTIES. IN
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SAME DISCUSSION AS ABOVE, EMBOFF RECEIVED CLEAR IMPRESSION WE CAN

EXPECT NO REPLY BEFORE DELEGATION GETS TO CARACAS, BUT THAT PROPOSAL ITSELF PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS TO GHANA AT THIS POINT IF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION EMERGES AS NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OF CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: AS GOG DELEGATION FORMS UP AND GETS CLOSER TO DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS, POSSIBILITIES OF CONFERRING IN DETAIL WITH OTHER OAU STATES ON LOS ISSUES DIMINISH FOR GHANAIANS, THUS WE CAN EXPECT TO ELICIT FEW DEFINITE RESPONSES FROM GOG ON LAW OF SEA MATTERS BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 20 OPENING OF CONFERENCE.

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